

# 9 FAM PART IV Appendix C, IRAQ

(TL:VISA-301; 07-30-2001)

## RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
D	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
M-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A

O-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [8]

## **SPECIAL CLEARANCES AND ISSUING PROCEDURES**

### **Nonofficial Travel**

#### **"VISAS DONKEY" Security Advisory Opinion Requests**

*(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)*

A "VISAS DONKEY" telegram must be submitted for the following classes of Iraqi nationals over the age of 16 who are coming for nonofficial purposes, in addition to those individuals who otherwise require security advisory opinions (DPT-00 entries, possible ineligibility under INA 212(a)(3), etc.):

- (1) Applicants for student visas;
- (2) Present or former members of the Iraqi Baath Party [formally known as the Arab Baath Socialist Party];
- (3) Present or former members of the government of Iraq; and
- (4) Present or former members of the Iraqi military [regardless of rank].

The Department's response is required prior to visa issuance. A clearance may be considered valid for two years and need not be repeated within that period unless the applicant otherwise requires an SAO.

## **Official Travel**

### **"VISAS BEAR" Security Advisory Opinion Requests**

*(TL:VISA-150; 09-02-1996)*

A "VISAS BEAR" telegram must be submitted for the following classes of applicants 16 years of age or older:

- (1) Iraqi nationals applying for A, C-3, or G visas; and
- (2) Third country nationals applying for A or G visas to work at the Iraqi Embassy, the Iraqi Mission to the United Nations, the Iraqi Mission to any other international organization, or as household employees of any Iraqi visa holder in A or G status.

Once a "VISAS BEAR" advisory opinion has been requested, the Department's response is required prior to visa issuance.

## **DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS (IRAQ, REPUBLIC OF)**

*(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)*

**NOTE:** Although these documents are theoretically available from Iraqi authorities, occasionally they may be withheld in individual cases for political or other reasons.

### **Police Record**

*(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)*

Unavailable.

### **Prison Records**

*(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)*

Unavailable.

## **Military Records**

*(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)*

Available. Male applicants may obtain military records issued by the Director General of Recruiting at the Ministry of Defense. These records are available to Iraqi subjects who have performed voluntary or compulsory military service. Male citizens 45 years of age and over are exempted from military service. Iraqi law requires all male citizens to register for military service at age 18. Those registered are issued military books indicating their service status which are kept after discharge.

## **Birth Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)*

Available. Official birth certificates based on public records are issued by the appropriate Municipal offices or by the Department of Civil Status. Anyone with an Iraqi passport should be able to obtain an official certificate, in English and in Arabic, indicating the date and place of birth.

## **Marriage Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-150; 09-02-1996)*

Available. According to a February 1978 decree, all marriages must be registered in either a Muslim religious (Sharia) court or Civil court. Persons married after that date should be able to present these court records. While Christian churches continue to perform marriage ceremonies and issue marriage certificates, these marriages are not legal in Iraq until recorded with an appropriate Civil court.

## **Other Records**

*(TL:VISA-150; 09-02-1996)*

Available, if required to determine identity and admissibility. The public records of death, when reported, are kept by the Department of Health and the Municipal Bureau.

In general, documents of a public nature bear an official or an ecclesiastical seal. Revenue stamps are affixed to all Government issued documents.

The ecclesiastical documents are so varied in character and come from sources so disparate in character that it is impossible to set forth any special means of identification or determining their authenticity.

Fraudulent documents or those based upon little definite information are easily obtainable. Official documents contain inaccuracies but appear to be less open to fraud than ecclesiastical documents. Information in government records can be legally changed, however, with little difficulty.

Available documents may be obtained by both residents and by non-residents and by members of any sect, although former residents of Iraq may experience considerable difficulty in obtaining documents. Relatives or friends residing in non-resident applicants' former residence, however, should be able to obtain documents for them without much difficulty.

### **Documents Relating to Jews**

*(TL:VISA-150; 09-02-1996)*

The head of the Jewish community in Baghdad does not maintain records of births. Birth certificates issued by him are based either on Iraqi Government Census Books or on evidence given by reliable persons. Jews, born in Baghdad, and living in foreign countries may obtain birth certificates by submitting evidence of date and place of birth. These must be certified by the head of the Jewish community in the place of the applicant's present residence.

Records of marriages and divorces are maintained by the head of the Jewish community in Baghdad, and marriage and divorce certificates issued by him are based on these records.

No certificates are issued by the head of the Jewish community in Baghdad to Jews who are residents of Israel.

Fees are required for all of the documents.

### **Passports - Other Travel Documents**

*(TL:VISA-150; 09-02-1996)*

Travel Document for Palestinian Refugees in Iraq. This document, put into use as of January 1, 1963, is considered to meet the passport requirements of the Act.

## **VISA ISSUING POSTS (IRAQ, REPUBLIC OF)**

*(TL:VISA-150; 09-02-1996)*

Baghdad (E) All visa issuances ceased on August 2, 1990.

Visas for Iraqi nationals are processed at the American Embassy in Amman, Jordan and at the American Consulate General in Casablanca, Morocco.